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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEW ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, will honor the efforts of KYLE M. BREWER, an Evidence Technician for the New Albany Police Department. In honor of National Crime Victim's Rights Week which was April 6-12th, the presentation will take place Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at the New Albany Police Department, 311 W. First Street, in New Albany, Indiana.

This is an annual award given by the United States Attorney's Office to honor an

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individual who unselfishly gives of his or her time and efforts to better the lives of crime victims in the Southern District of Indiana. It especially reflects the nation's heightened awareness of the devastating impact of crime and violence on its victims, while underscoring the importance of helping victims heal and rebuild their lives.

Mr. Brewer has gone above and beyond what his job has required of him by working closely with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program in Floyd County. He has played an integral role in training the nurses in forensic and legal issues, evidence collection and preservation, and in developing sound policies and procedures for the program. He is very involved in the forensic photography aspect of the program, doing both training of the nurses and maintaining all of the equipment, all to ultimately improve the services offered to victims. He often volunteers to be on call and to troubleshoot for the program, no matter what the time of day. "Kyle Brewer performs all the program tasks and more without prompting, without compensation from the program and he is dedicated to providing the best services possible to victims of violent crime", says Kathy Scifres, Coordinator for the Floyd County SANE/SART Program. He has also been involved in reaching out to surrounding counties and is a valuable resource to the 11 county region in providing multi-disciplinary education for the various professionals who work with crime victims.

Mr. Brewer was nominated for this award by Kathy Scifres, Floyd Memorial Hospital, Floyd County SANE/SART Program Coordinator. David Graves, Chief, New Albany Police Department will also be present.

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